



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Chief Master Sergeant Michael S. Koslow is the tenth Command Chief Master Sergeant for the California Air National Guard. Chief Koslow enlisted in the Air Force on December 7, 1978. He advises the commander on matters concerning the health, morale, welfare and effective utilization of more than 4,000 enlisted personnel serving in the California Air National Guard. The Chief serves as the commander's representative on numerous committees, councils, boards, and during official military and civilian functions.



Chief Koslow began his career on active duty as an avionics instruments systems specialist for the 347th Avionics Maintenance Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. In 1981, Chief Koslow was transferred to the 93rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Castle Air Force Base, California, where he became the shift supervisor, earning a rapid promotion to Staff Sergeant. In 1983, while still stationed at Castle Air Force Base, Chief Koslow cross-trained into the Air Force Office of Special Investigations career field, completing training as a Special Agent. Chief Koslow was then assigned to Florennes Air Base, Belgium, and in 1985 served as the Fraud Program Manager at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. In August 1988, Chief Koslow transferred to the Air Force Reserve, serving as a Target Intelligence Technician. In this position, Chief Koslow was instrumental in developing an intelligence operations plan between his unit and the designated PACAF forward deployment site. In 1989, Chief Koslow transferred to the California Air National Guard, where he served in the 163rd Fighter Wing's Maintenance Squadron at March Air Force Base, California. After eight years, and transitioning through three separate aircraft and mission conversions, Chief Koslow was selected to serve as the wing staff and Operations Group First Sergeant. In 2003, he was selected as the wing Human Resources Advisor where he formed the Human Resources Advisory Council to optimally coordinate recruiting, retention, morale, and the professional development of assigned personnel. In 2007, Chief Koslow was selected as the State Human Resources Advisor and in 2009 was selected to serve as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant.

As a civilian, Chief Koslow is a senior Special Agent with the Department of Defense Criminal Investigative Service. In addition to his two careers, the Chief serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts of America.

EDUCATION:

1987 Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School Distinguished Graduate, Williams AFB, Arizona

1992 Noncommissioned Officer Academy Course, by Correspondence

1997 Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Chapman University, California

1998 Associate of Sciences in Avionics Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2000 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Course, by Correspondence

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2005 National Defense University Reserve Component National Security Seminar
2007 Masters of Policy Management, Georgetown University, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1979 – Avionics Systems Apprentice, Moody AFB, Georgia;
1980 – Cadet Candidate, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado;
1981 – 1982 Avionics Systems Technician, Castle AFB, California
1983 – 1984 Air Force Office of Special Investigations Special Agent; Castle AFB, California
1984 – 1985 Air Force Office of Special Investigations Special Agent; Florennes AB, Belgium
1985 – 1988 Air Force Office of Special Investigations Special Agent; Luke AFB, Arizona
1988 – 1989 Target Intelligence Specialist, USAFR, Luke AFB, Arizona;
1989 – 1996 Avionics Systems Supervisor, 163rd ARW; March ARB, California;
1997 – 2003 Headquarters and Operations Group First Sergeant, 163rd ARW, California
2003 – 2007 Wing Human Resources Advisor, 163rd ARW; California
2007 – 2009 California State Human Resources Advisor, JFHQ, California
2009 – Present California State Command Chief Master Sergeant, JFHQ, California

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” device
California Commendation Medal
California Good Conduct Medal with three devices
California Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman Basic 1978
Airman First Class 1979
Senior Airman June 1981
Sergeant January 1982
Staff Sergeant December 1982
Technical Sergeant November 1991
Master Sergeant October 1997
Senior Master Sergeant July 2001
Chief Master Sergeant September 2004

(Current as of September 2009)